Cape Breton County Statistical Profile

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Cape Breton County occupies the industrial northeast corner of Cape Breton Island. The area has been associated with coal and steel since the beginning of the century, with the major coal seams in a coastal fringe, extending 52 kilometers on either side from Sydney and North Sydney.

The county is connected with the early history of Canada, with much of the English-French confrontation centered around Louisbourg. During the early 1970's the Louisbourg Fortress was reconstructed and has now become a major tourist attraction.

Sydney is the county seat and largest urban centre. The adjacent towns of Glace Bay, Dominion, New Waterford and Sydney Mines are primarily mining communities. North Sydney is the western terminus for C.N. Marine which operates the passenger and freight ferry services to Port-aux-Basques and Argentia, Newfoundland.

Since the late 1970's expansion of coal production in the area has been undertaken by the Cape Breton Development Corporation (DEVCO). At the same time, extensive renovations are being made at the provincially owned Sydney Steel (SYSCO) mill, and coal-fired thermal generating plants are being completed at Lingan.

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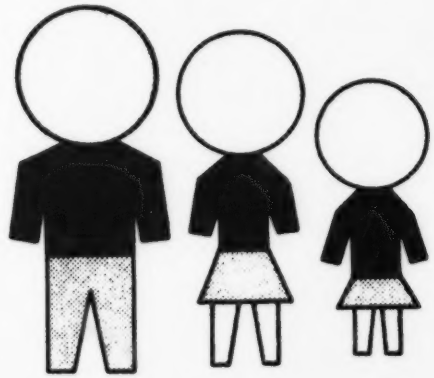
Cape Breton County

Statistical Summary

	YEAR	CAPE BRETON COUNTY	% OF NOVA SCOTIA
Land area (sq. kilometers)	-	2,473	4.7
Population	1981	127,035	15.0
Population density (per sq. kilometer)	1981	51.4	321.3
Labour Force	1981	49,695	7.8
Employed	1981	42,110	12.4
Average income per tax filer ($)	1982	12,716	91.5
Total retail sales ($'000)	1983	471,700	13.7
Retail sales per capita ($)	1983	3,708	92.8
Number of farms	1981	142	2.8
Lumber production (M. fbm.)	1984	813	0.4
Pulpwood production (m3 solid wood)	1984	99,822	4.4
Sea fish landings (metric tonnes)	1984	52,498	13.2
Sea fish landings ($'000)	1984	24,881	9.4
Number of manufacturing establishments	1982	65	8.3
Value of manufacturing shipments ($'000)	1982	246,178	6.8
Number of permits for residential units	1984	588	9.9
Value of total building permits ($'000)	1984	65,701	11.7

SOURCES: Statistics Canada, Canadian Markets, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Revenue Canada

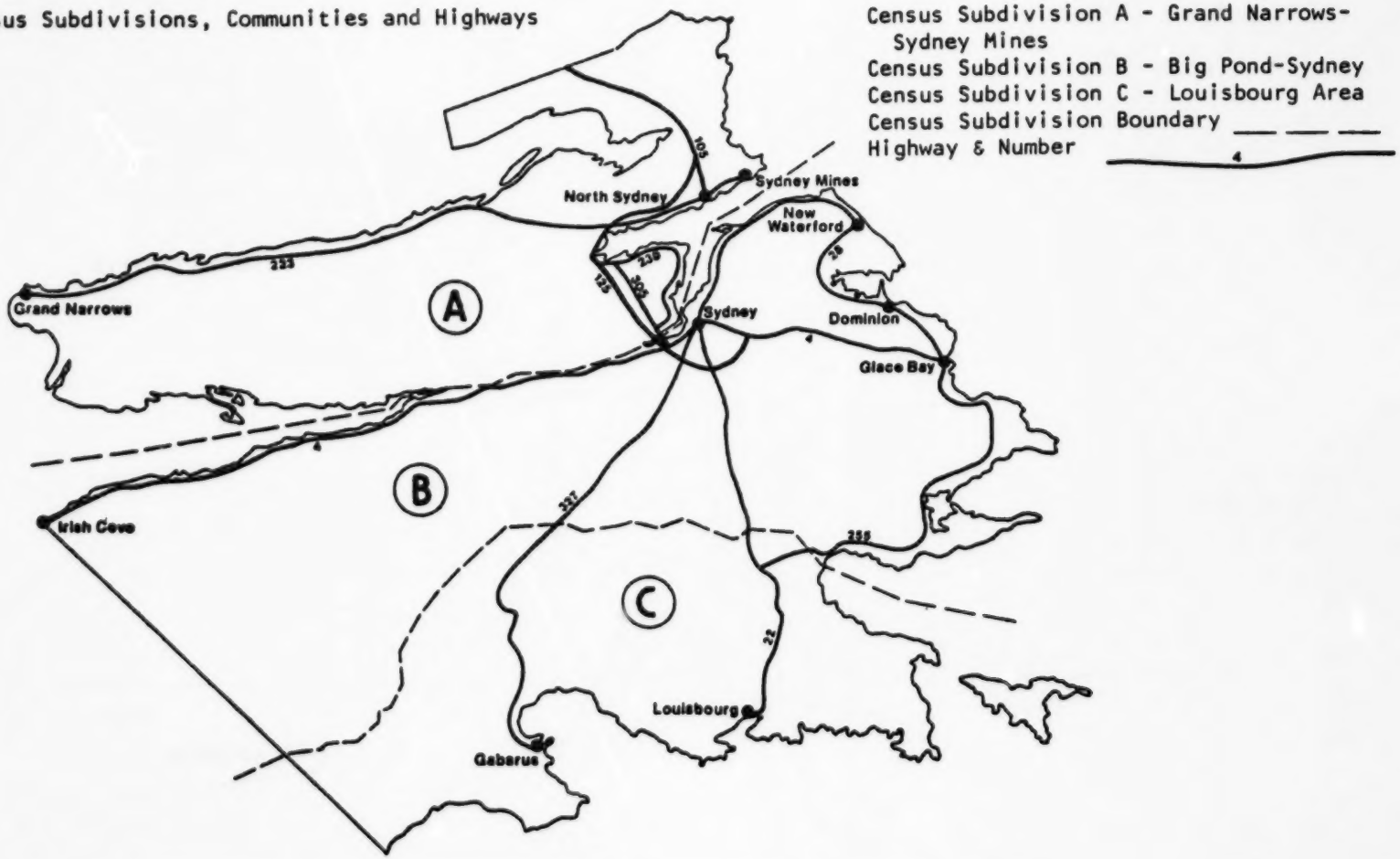


Map 1

Subdivisions, Communities and Highways

Cape Breton County

Census Subdivisions, Communities and Highways



Graph 1

Index of Population Growth

Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1961-1981

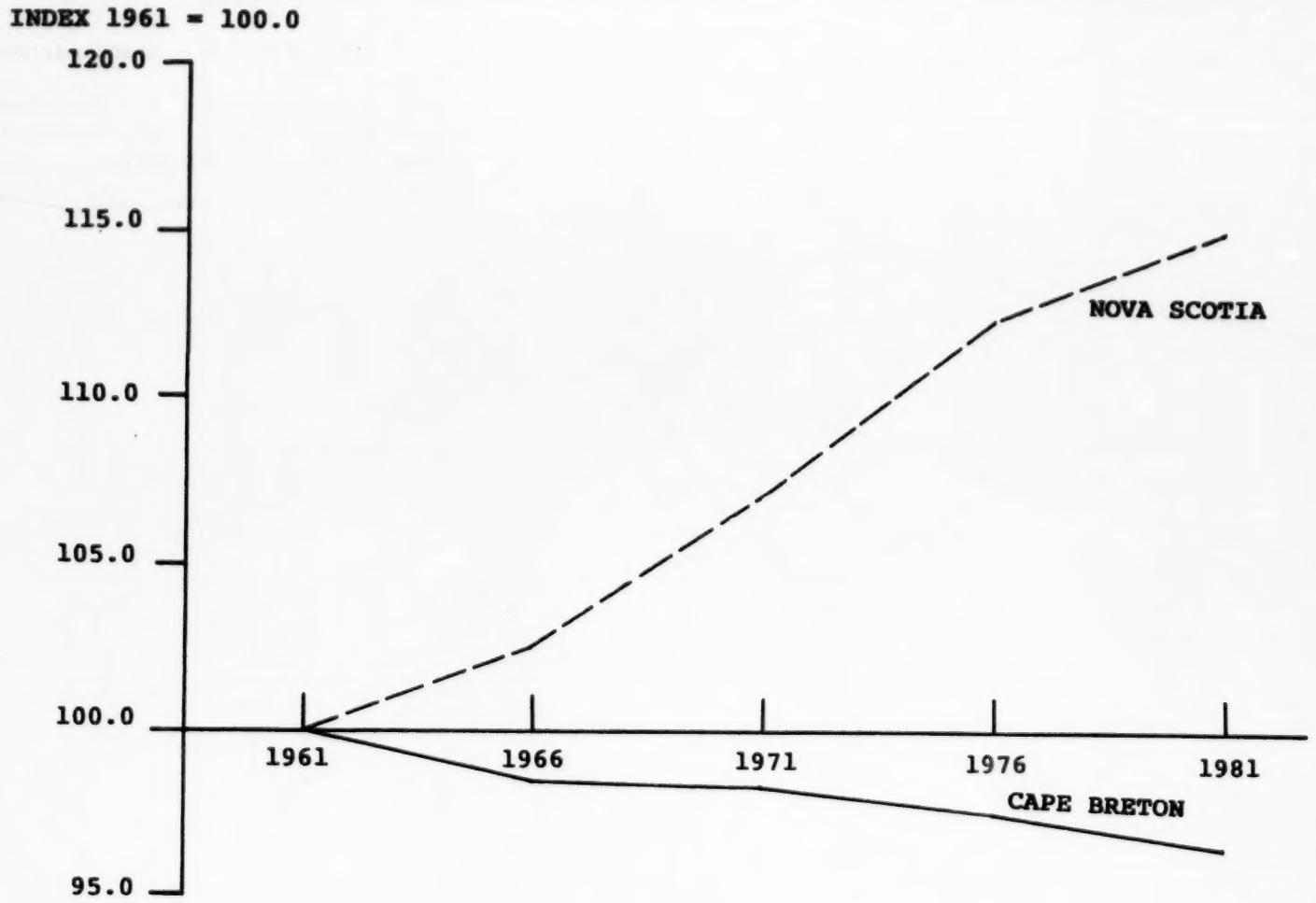


Table 1

Population Growth

Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1961-1981

	1961	1966	1971	1976	1981
NOVA SCOTIA	737,007	756,039	788,960	828,571	847,442
Cape Breton County	131,507	129,572	129,075	128,229	127,035
Dominion	2,999	2,960	2,879	2,938	2,856
Glace Bay	24,186	23,516	22,440	21,836	21,466
Louisbourg	1,417	1,617	1,582	1,519	1,410
New Waterford	10,592	9,725	9,579	9,223	8,808
North Sydney	8,657	8,752	8,604	8,319	7,820
Sydney	33,617	32,767	33,230	30,645	29,444
Sydney Mines	9,122	9,171	8,991	8,965	8,501
Sub. A - Grand Narrows-Sydney Mines	14,827	14,893	15,165	16,674	17,323
Sub. B - Big Pond-Sydney	22,593	22,613	22,751	23,654	24,577
Sub. C - Louisbourg Area	2,224	2,206	2,305	2,641	2,788
Indian Reserves	1,273	1,352	1,549	1,815	2,042

Index of Population Growth

Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1961-1981

NOVA SCOTIA	100.0	102.6	107.0	112.4	115.0
Cape Breton County	100.0	98.5	98.2	97.5	96.6
Dominion	100.0	98.7	96.0	98.0	95.2
Glace Bay	100.0	97.2	92.8	90.3	88.8
Louisbourg	100.0	114.1	111.6	107.2	99.5
New Waterford	100.0	91.8	90.4	87.1	83.2
North Sydney	100.0	101.1	99.4	96.1	90.3
Sydney	100.0	97.5	98.8	91.2	87.6
Sydney Mines	100.0	100.5	98.6	98.3	93.2
Sub. A - Grand Narrows-Sydney Mines	100.0	100.4	102.3	112.5	116.8
Sub. B - Big Pond-Sydney	100.0	100.1	100.7	104.7	108.8
Sub. C - Louisbourg Area	100.0	99.2	103.6	118.8	125.4
Indian Reserves	100.0	106.2	121.7	142.6	160.4

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 2

Population of Unincorporated Centres of 100+
Cape Breton County, 1976 and 1981

	1976	1981		1976	1981
Alder Point	682	651	Marconi Towers	419	375
Balls Creek	n/a	426	Marion Bridge	374	430
Birch Grove	369	424	Meadows Road	215	239
Bras d'Or	604	489	Mill Creek	609	667
Catalone	197	260	Millville Boularderie	372	590
Donkin	1,087	859	New Victoria	1,345	1,363
Dutch Brook	164	310	Point Edward	331	366
East Bay	269	268	Port Caledonia	n/a	306
Edwardsville	398	343	Port Morien	763	711
Frenchvale	202	506	Prime Brook	246	439
Gannon Road	884	793	Reserve Mines	2,394	2,454
Gardiner Mines	598	946	Scotch Lake	167>	215
Hornes Road	230>	285	Scotchtown	2,086	2,020
Howie Centre	262	1,386	South Bar of Sydney River	853	891
Little Brad d'Or	219	287	Sydney Forks	611	719
Little Pond	210	293	Victoria Mines	339	346
Main-a-Dieu	433	402	Westmount	2,080	3,066

> area is larger than in other Census year
n/a Not Available

Due to the lack of legal or official boundaries, the Census is not always able to distinguish the population of these unincorporated places from that of the surrounding area.

The population totals shown in this report for 1976 and 1981 should thus be considered as approximations.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 3

Rural and Urban Population Distribution
Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

	CAPE BRETON COUNTY				NOVA SCOTIA			
	Number		%		Number		%	
	1976[1]	1981[2]	1976	1981	1976[1]	1981[2]	1976	1981
Rural	28,664	30,833	22.4	24.3	360,416	380,600	43.5	44.9
Non-Farm	28,039	30,289	21.9	23.8	338,970	362,484	40.9	42.8
Farm	625	544	0.5	0.5	21,446	18,116	2.6	2.1
Urban	99,565	96,202	77.6	75.7	466,155	466,842	56.5	55.1
Total	128,229	127,035	100.0	100.0	828,571	847,442	100.0	100.0

[1]Based on 1981 definition of farm population.

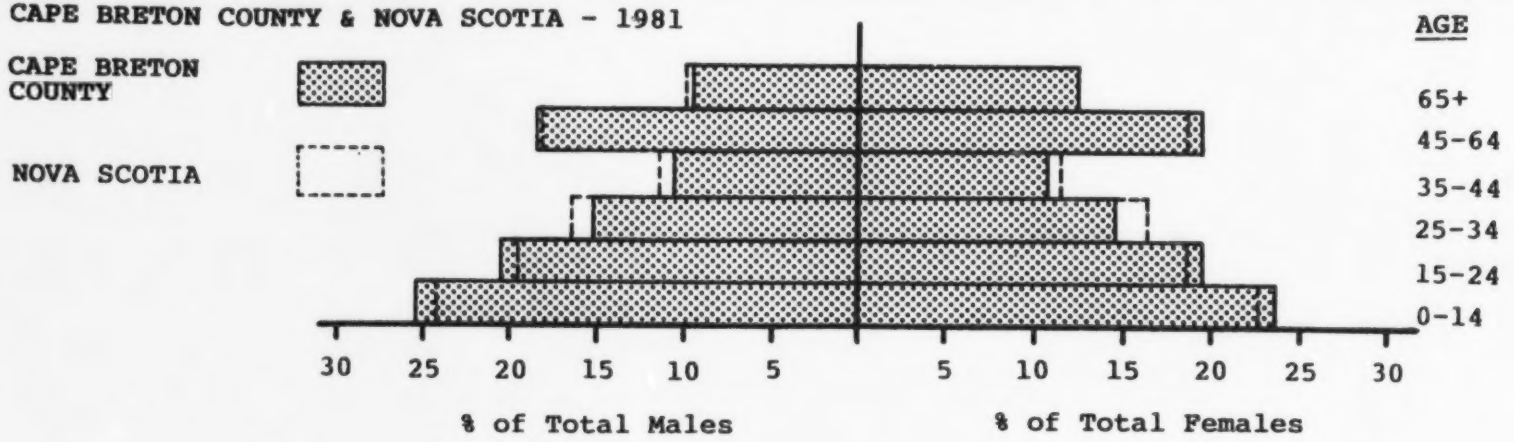
[2]Farm population in 1981 refers to all persons living in a farm operator household on a farm situated in either a rural or urban area. Only farms with sales of $250 or more are included.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Graph 2

Age-Sex Pyramids

Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981



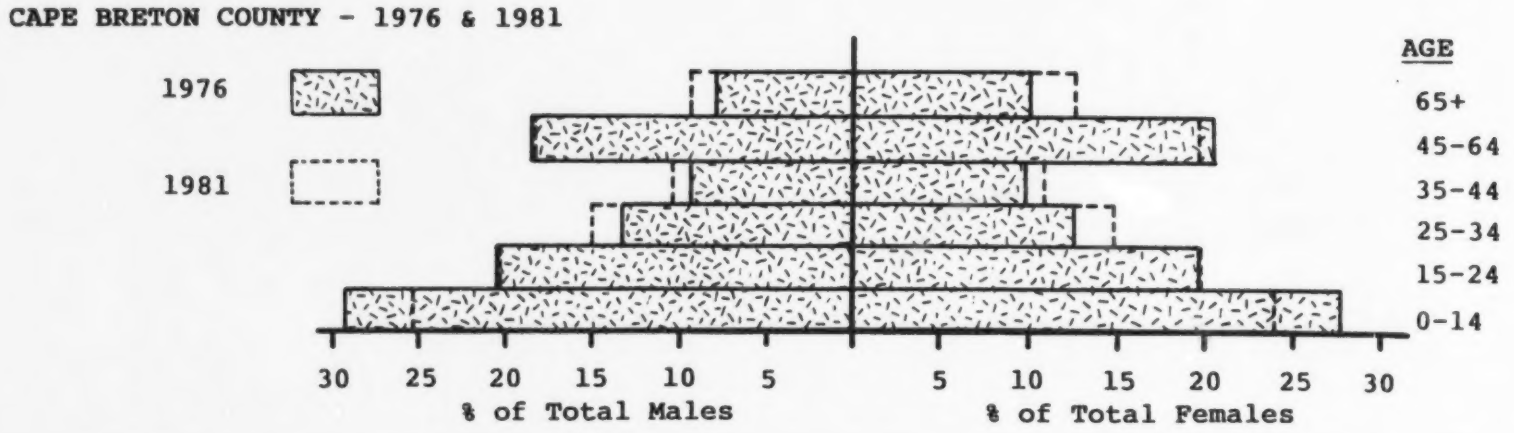


Table 4

Age-Sex % Distribution of the Population
Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

Age	CAPE BRETON COUNTY				NOVA SCOTIA			
	1976		1981		1976		1981	
	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %
0-14	29.4	27.6	25.7	23.5	27.7	26.3	24.3	22.6
15-24	20.9	19.7	20.5	19.5	20.0	19.1	19.8	18.9
25-34	13.2	12.7	15.2	14.5	15.0	14.6	16.5	16.4
35-44	9.8	9.8	10.8	10.5	10.4	10.1	11.6	11.2
45-64	18.8	20.3	18.4	19.8	18.2	19.1	18.1	18.7
65+	8.0	10.0	9.4	12.2	8.6	10.8	9.7	12.2
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
TOTAL NUMBER	63,960	64,270	62,570	64,465	414,155	414,420	419,575	427,865

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 5

Population by Marital Status and Sex
Cape Breton County, 1981

		Total Population	SINGLE (NEVER MARRIED)			MARRIED			WIDOWED	DIVORCED
			Total	Under 15 yrs.	15 yrs. & Over	Total	Married	Separated		
Nova Scotia	- T	847,440	383,005	198,490	184,515	402,505	388,885	13,625	45,480	16,450
	- M	419,575	203,730	101,740	101,990	200,780	194,800	5,975	8,040	7,025
	- F	427,865	179,275	96,750	82,525	201,725	194,085	7,640	37,440	9,420
Cape Breton Co.	- T	127,035	61,160	31,180	29,980	56,315	54,375	1,960	7,740	1,825
	- M	62,570	32,350	16,045	16,305	28,060	27,225	845	1,355	795
	- F	64,470	28,805	15,130	13,675	28,255	27,150	1,105	6,380	1,030
Dominion	- T	2,855	1,470	760	710	1,185	1,150	35	170	30
	- M	1,380	755	390	365	590	575	15	25	15
	- F	1,475	710	370	340	595	575	20	150	15
Glace Bay	- T	21,465	10,110	5,200	4,910	9,495	9,175	320	1,515	350
	- M	10,520	5,385	2,695	2,690	4,720	4,600	120	270	150
	- F	10,950	4,725	2,500	2,225	4,780	4,580	200	1,245	200
Louisbourg	- T	1,410	630	335	295	680	655	20	85	20
	- M	695	330	170	160	335	325	10	15	10
	- F	720	300	160	140	340	330	15	70	10
New Waterford	- T	8,805	4,310	2,040	2,270	3,745	3,595	150	620	130
	- M	4,355	2,320	1,050	1,270	1,865	1,805	65	110	55
	- F	4,450	1,995	990	1,005	1,880	1,790	85	510	75
North Sydney	- T	7,820	3,790	1,865	1,925	3,405	3,255	145	535	90
	- M	3,790	1,995	980	1,015	1,675	1,620	55	85	35
	- F	4,030	1,800	885	915	1,725	1,635	95	450	55
Sydney	- T	29,445	13,750	6,145	7,605	12,860	12,270	595	2,220	615
	- M	14,045	7,055	3,160	3,895	6,395	6,135	255	365	235
	- F	15,405	6,700	2,990	3,710	6,470	6,135	335	1,860	380
Sydney Mines	- T	8,500	4,240	2,095	2,145	3,590	3,465	130	560	105
	- M	4,185	2,230	1,060	1,170	1,785	1,740	50	120	40
	- F	4,315	2,010	1,035	975	1,805	1,725	80	440	60

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 6

Vital Statistics

Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1979-1983

	LIVE BIRTHS BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE					DEATHS BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Cape Breton County	1,920	1,868	1,788	1,858	1,814	1,151	1,172	1,100	1,107	1,203
Dominion	44	45	36	48	37	28	24	25	27	22
Glace Bay	322	311	307	299	303	217	216	220	198	231
Louisbourg	24	28	21	15	23	15	13	8	13	24
New Waterford	156	155	141	146	139	98	105	94	95	112
North Sydney	132	135	122	121	136	87	85	85	75	83
Sydney	494	491	468	478	481	359	382	346	337	390
Sydney Mines	130	128	107	124	122	91	81	62	77	64
Nova Scotia	12,406	12,369	12,079	12,325	12,401	6,843	7,004	6,958	6,941	7,047

SOURCE: Department of Health, Vital Statistics

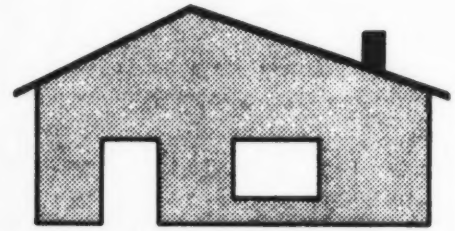


Table 7

Family Characteristics

Cape Breton County, 1981

	TOTAL FAMILIES	FAMILIES BY NUMBER OF PERSONS							TOTAL PERSONS IN FAMILIES	AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER FAMILY	
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8+		1981	1976
Nova Scotia											
Number	216,200	78,495	48,280	50,540	24,520	9,315	3,125	1,920	721,035	3.3	3.5
% of Total	100.0	36.3	22.3	23.4	11.3	4.3	1.4	0.9			
Cape Breton County											
Number	31,135	9,655	7,110	7,175	4,070	1,830	730	555	110,645	3.6	3.8
% of Total	100.0	31.0	22.8	23.0	13.1	5.9	2.3	1.8			
Dominion	675	185	130	175	100	50	10	25	2,540	3.8	4.0
Glace Bay	5,345	1,755	1,235	1,205	705	275	85	85	18,570	3.5	3.7
Louisbourg	360	135	60	85	50	20	5	5	1,225	3.4	3.7
New Waterford	2,160	635	530	505	290	125	45	30	7,680	3.6	3.9
North Sydney	1,865	585	385	415	235	145	65	35	6,760	3.6	3.9
Sydney	7,250	2,575	1,735	1,515	830	395	125	75	24,445	3.4	3.6
Sydney Mines	2,025	565	480	465	250	125	80	60	7,510	3.7	4.0
Eskasoni*	300	50	55	55	40	40	25	35	1,430	4.7	5.2
Membertou*	55	10	15	10	15	5	5	5	270	4.7	-
Cape Breton Munic.	11,100	3,160	2,490	2,745	1,565	645	290	205	40,205	3.6	3.9

*Reserve

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 8

Family Incomes

Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1980

	1980		
	Average Family Income	% of Nova Scotia Average	% Low Income Families of Total Families[1]
	$	%	%
Nova Scotia	21,872	100.0	14.2
Cape Breton County	20,551	93.9	16.8
Dominion	18,488	84.5	19.1
Glace Bay	18,651	85.3	22.4
Louisbourg	19,819	90.6	15.8
New Waterford	19,080	87.2	18.4
North Sydney	21,353	97.6	17.2
Sydney	21,742	99.4	17.5
Sydney Mines	20,317	92.9	17.9
Sub. A - Grand Narrows-Sydney Mines	21,671	99.1	12.5
Sub. B - Big Pond-Sydney	21,085	96.4	13.3
Sub. C - Louisbourg Area	21,096	96.5	12.1
Indian Reserves	11,617	53.1	N/A

[1]Low income statistics are based on the revised (1978) cut-offs which were initially estimated from the 1978 National Family Expenditure Survey and then updated to 1980 by the changes in the Consumer Price Index since 1978. The cut-offs are based on size of family unit and population size of area of residence.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 9

Average Income per Income Tax Filer
Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1977-1982

	ALL RETURNS FILED			
	Number	Total Income $'000	Average Income $	% Average Income of Nova Scotia Average %
Cape Breton County				
- 1977	56,791	537,686	9,468	96.1
- 1978[1]	67,483	576,837	8,548	92.2
- 1979	68,216	639,313	9,372	92.7
- 1980	68,750	698,248	10,156	91.8
- 1981	68,718	766,071	11,148	89.1
- 1982	68,950	876,756	12,716	91.5

PERCENTAGE OF RETURNS BY INCOME GROUP

	CAPE BRETON COUNTY		NOVA SCOTIA	
Income Group	1977 %	1982 %	1977 %	1982 %
Under $2,500	13.7	20.4	12.8	17.2
$ 2,500 - $ 5,000	16.9	9.9	16.7	9.8
$ 5,000 - $ 7,500	18.2	10.4	16.8	10.2
$ 7,500 - $10,000	11.8	9.4	14.0	9.4
$10,000 - $15,000	20.8	16.0	20.1	17.1
$15,000 - $20,000	11.8	10.9	11.3	11.8
$20,000 - $25,000	4.3	9.6	4.5	9.2
$25,000 - $30,000	1.3	6.3	1.9	6.2
$30,000 +	1.3	7.1	1.8	9.1

[1]Comparatively lower average income in 1978 is due to a greater number of low income returns filed to claim child tax credit. This claim applies also to succeeding years.

SOURCE: Revenue Canada, Taxation; Taxation Statistics

Table 10

Households and Average Number of Persons per Household
Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS		AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD	
	1976	1981	1976	1981
Nova Scotia	243,100	273,195	3.3	3.0
Cape Breton County	33,500	36,810	3.7	3.4
Dominion	705	775	4.1	3.6
Glace Bay	5,808	6,265	3.7	3.4
Louisbourg	420	430	3.5	3.2
New Waterford	2,328	2,495	3.9	3.5
North Sydney	2,146	2,240	3.8	3.4
Sydney	8,627	9,360	3.4	3.0
Sydney Mines	2,199	2,350	4.0	3.6
Subdivision A	4,195	4,795	3.9	3.6
Subdivision B	6,065	6,925	3.8	3.5
Subdivision C	700	795	3.7	3.5
Indian Reserves	315	385	5.7	5.3

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 11

Occupied Dwellings by Tenure and Type
Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

	DOMINION	GLACE BAY	LOUISBOURG	NEW WATERFORD	NORTH SYDNEY	SYDNEY	SYDNEY MINES	MUNIC. OF CAPE BRETON	CAPE BRETON COUNTY	NOVA SCOTIA
TENURE:										
1976 - Owned (%)	85.8	82.4	82.1	81.9	75.5	66.5	84.1	89.1	80.4	72.4
Rented (%)	14.2	17.6	17.9	18.1	14.5	33.5	15.9	10.9	19.6	27.6
Total (No.)	705	5,810	420	2,330	2,145	8,625	2,200	11,270	33,505	243,100
1981 - Owned (%)	84.8	80.3	82.8	80.7	73.9	62.1	83.3	89.0	78.7	71.5
Rented (%)	15.2	19.7	17.2	19.3	26.1	37.9	16.7	11.0	21.3	28.5
Total (No.)	775	6,265	435	2,495	2,240	9,355	2,350	12,900	36,810	273,195
TYPE:										
1976 - Singles, Doubles & Row (%)	90.8	92.8	86.9	91.6	86.5	82.3	92.1	89.0	88.1	78.9
Apartments (%)	2.8	7.1	7.1	7.3	13.5	17.7	5.2	2.4	8.5	15.4
Mobile (%)	6.4	0.1	6.0	1.1	-	-	2.7	8.6	3.4	5.7
Total (No.)	705	5,810	420	2,330	2,145	8,625	2,200	11,270	33,505	243,100
1981 - Singles, Doubles & Row (%)	88.4	92.8	88.5	91.0	85.0	77.8	89.4	88.8	86.6	77.9
Apartments (%)	5.8	7.2	6.9	8.4	14.5	22.1	6.4	2.8	9.8	16.7
Mobile (%)	5.8	-	4.6	0.6	0.5	0.1	4.2	8.4	3.6	5.4
Total (No.)	775	6,265	435	2,495	2,240	9,355	2,350	12,900	36,810	273,195

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

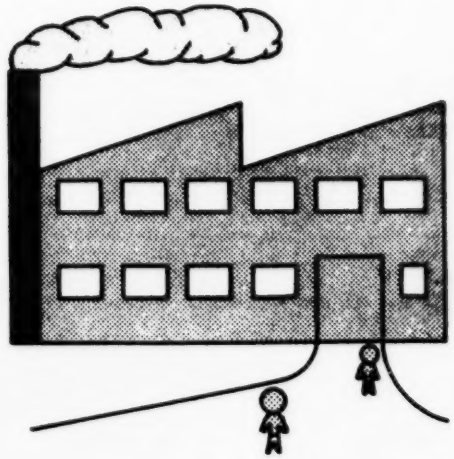


Table 12

Labour Force Activity

Cape Breton County, 1976 and 1981

	1976			1981		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Population 15+	45,180	46,615	91,795	46,030	48,705	94,730
Labour Force	28,475	14,740	43,215	30,840	18,850	49,695
Employment	24,755	12,190	36,945	26,500	15,610	42,110
Unemployment	3,720	2,555	6,270	4,345	3,245	7,585
Unemployment Rate[1]	13.1	17.3	14.5	14.1	17.2	15.3
Participation Rate[2]	63.0	31.6	47.1	67.0	38.7	52.5

[1]Unemployed as a percent of labour force.

[2]Labour force as a percent of population 15+.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 13

Labour Force 15 Years and Over, by Age, Sex and Level of Schooling
Cape Breton County, 1981

	Total	No Certificate Or Diploma Less Than Grade 9	No Certificate Or Diploma Grades 9 - 13	High School Certificate Or Diploma	Trades, University Or Other Non-University Certificate Or Diploma	University Degree
Labour Force						
Total	49,695	7,065	16,765	7,440	14,555	3,880
Male	30,845	5,550	10,385	4,020	8,600	2,290
Female	18,850	1,515	6,385	3,420	5,950	1,590
Aged 15 - 24						
Total	12,510	1,120	4,910	3,425	2,515	540
Male	7,155	895	3,015	1,780	1,185	285
Female	5,355	225	1,890	1,650	1,330	255
Aged 25 - 44						
Total	23,890	2,585	6,990	3,085	8,745	2,485
Male	14,795	1,980	4,375	1,655	5,245	1,535
Female	9,090	600	2,610	1,430	3,495	950
Aged 45 - 54						
Total	7,275	1,740	2,600	535	1,930	465
Male	4,820	1,455	1,525	350	1,255	245
Female	2,455	290	1,075	185	675	220
Aged 55 - 64						
Total	5,225	1,445	1,990	305	1,195	285
Male	3,605	1,120	1,300	175	825	175
Female	1,620	320	690	125	370	105
Aged 65 +						
Total	805	170	280	85	165	105
Male	465	95	165	55	95	55
Female	335	70	115	30	70	50

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 14

Labour Force[1], 15 Years and Over, by Sex, Showing Industry Divisions
Cape Breton County, 1981

	CAPE BRETON COUNTY			% OF TOTAL LABOUR FORCE[1]	
	Male	Female	Total	Cape Breton Co.	Nova Scotia
Agriculture	150	50	195	0.4	2.3
Forestry	190	15	210	0.4	1.3
Fishing and Trapping	360	30	390	0.8	2.0
Mines, Quarries and Oil Wells	4,060	155	4,220	8.8	1.8
Manufacturing	6,040	1,400	7,440	15.4	15.0
Construction	3,015	185	3,200	6.6	6.5
Transportation, Communication & Other Utilities	3,860	660	4,515	9.4	8.0
Trade	4,495	3.840	8,335	17.3	17.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	585	860	1,450	3.0	4.4
Community, Business & Personal Services	5,130	9,765	14,900	30.9	29.2
Public Administration & Defence	2,350	995	3,345	6.9	12.1
Total Labour Force[1]	30,235	17,970	48,195	100.0	100.0

[1]By place of residence, excludes persons looking for work who last worked prior to January 1, 1980, or who never worked.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, **Census** of Canada

Table 15

Experienced Labour Force[1] by Occupation Groups
Cape Breton County, 1981

	CAPE BRETON COUNTY			% OF TOTAL EXPERIENCED LABOUR FORCE	
	Male	Female	Total	Cape Breton Co.	Nova Scotia
Managerial, Administrative & Related	1,955	735	2,685	5.6	7.3
Natural Sciences, Engineering & Math	845	55	900	1.9	2.8
Occupations in Social Sciences & Related	335	335	670	1.4	1.5
Occupations in Religion	105	35	145	0.3	0.3
Teaching & Related Occupations	1,020	1,650	2,675	5.5	4.7
Occupations in Medicine & Health	450	2,265	2,715	5.6	5.2
Artistic, Literary, Recreational & Related	270	180	450	0.9	1.2
Clerical & Related	1,640	5,045	6,685	13.9	16.5
Sales Occupations	2,395	2,415	4,815	10.0	9.2
Service Occupations	2,515	3,780	6,295	13.1	14.6
Farming, Horticulture & Animal Husbandry	310	60	360	0.7	2.3
Fishing, Hunting, Trapping & Related	530	25	555	1.2	2.4
Forestry & Logging	210	10	220	0.4	1.2
Mining & Quarrying	2,520	20	2,545	5.3	1.0
Processing Occupations	2,335	870	3,200	6.6	5.0
Machining & Related Occupations	845	20	860	1.8	1.6
Product Fabricating, Assembly & Repairing	2,245	95	2,340	4.9	6.1
Construction Trades	4,495	55	4,545	9.4	7.6
Transport Equipment Operating	2,110	65	2,175	4.5	4.4
Materials Handling & Related	1,395	90	1,485	3.1	2.2
Other Crafts & Equipment Operating	640	45	690	1.4	1.2
Occupations not Elsewhere Classified	1,075	120	1,190	2.5	1.7
Total Experienced Labour Force[1]	30,230	17,970	48,200	100.0	100.0

[1]Excludes persons looking for work, who last worked prior to January 1, 1980 or who never worked.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 16

Principal Farm Census Data

Cape Breton County, 1976 and 1981

	1976#	1981#
Farm Population	342	509
% of Total Population Living on Farms	0.3	0.4
Farm Operators by Age:		
Under 25 years	1	2
25-34 years	10	21
35-44 years	21	35
45-54 years	19	32
55-59 years	15	17
60-64 years	15	19
65 years and over	5	16
Total Number of Farms	86	142
- With sales of $2,500 +	67	88
Size of Farms:		
1- 9 acres	5	14
10- 69 acres	15	35
70- 129 acres	22	34
130- 179 acres	9	20
180- 239 acres	12	17
240- 399 acres	21	16
400- 559 acres	1	3
560- 759 acres	---	1
760- 1,119 acres	1	2
1,120- 1,599 acres	---	---
1,600+ acres	---	---

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Table 16 (cont'd.)

	1976*	1981*
Total Area of Farms - acres	14,508	19,681
Improved Land - acres	5,257	7,646
Under Crops - acres	3,995	5,102
Improved Pasture - acres	1,001	1,759
Summer Fallow - acres	64	155
Other Improved - acres	197	630
Unimproved Land - acres	9,251	12,036
Woodland - acres	6,406	8,812
Other Unimproved - acres	2,845	3,224
Average Size of Farms - acres	169	138
Improved Land as a % of Total Farm Land Area	36.2	38.8

*Note: In 1981, a Census farm is defined as an agricultural holding with sales of agricultural products during the year 1980 of $250 or more.

For 1976, a Census farm is defined as an agricultural holding of one acre or more with sales of agricultural products during the year 1975 of $1,200 or more.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 17

Census Farms by Economic Class and Product Type
Cape Breton County, 1976 and 1981

	1976*	1981*
Total number of farms	86	142
Number of farms by value of agricultural products sold in previous year		
$250,000 and over	(	4
$100,000 - $249,999	(6	3
$ 50,000 - $ 99,999	8	12
$ 25,000 - $ 49,999	16	10
$ 10,000 - $ 24,999	16	17
$ 5,000 - $ 9,999	10	21
$ 2,500 - $ 4,999	11	21
Under $2,500	19	54
Number of census farms with sales of $2,500 or more classified by product type - Total	67	88
Dairy	36	26
Cattle, hogs, sheep (excluding dairy farms)	4	18
Poultry	13	9
Wheat	---	---
Smallgrains (excluding wheat farms)	1	1
Field crops, other than smallgrains	2	3
Fruits and vegetables	2	6
Miscellaneous specialty	6	20
Mixed	3	5
Livestock combination	---	5
Field crops combination	---	---
Other combinations	3	---

*Note: See Table 16 for definition of census farms in 1976 and 1981.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 18

Landed Value and Weight of Sea Fisheries
Cape Breton County, 1980-1984

	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
Value - $'000	21,218	19,952	23,265	22,047	24,881
% of Nova Scotia total	9.2	7.6	9.0	8.0	9.4
Weight - metric tonnes	58,954	51,641	53,304	47,185	52,498
% of Nova Scotia total	13.2	10.8	11.4	10.8	13.2

SOURCE: Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Table 19

Number of Fishermen by % of Income Derived from Fishery
Cape Breton County, 1980-1984

	% of Income Derived from Fishery			
	Total	0-25%	26-75%	76-100%
1980	797	337	105	355
1981	907	339	110	458
1982	963	384	105	474
1983	1,129	415	138	576
1984	1,216	680		536
% of Nova Scotia				
1980	7.0	8.0	6.1	6.4
1981	8.0	10.3	6.9	7.0
1982	8.8	12.0	7.5	7.4
1983	9.0	11.2	9.2	7.8
1984	-	-	-	-

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 24-205. Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Table 20

Area of Land Classes
Cape Breton County, 1970

	Area (Hectares)*	% of Total Area
Forest Land		
Productive Forest		
1. Softwood	115,499	44.4
2. Mixed Wood	51,287	19.7
3. Hardwood	33,472	12.9
Total Forested Land	200,267	76.9
Non-Forested Land and Non-productive Forest	45,880	17.6
Water and Flowage	25,115	9.6
Total Area of County	260,336	100.0

*1 hectare = 2.471 acres

SOURCE: Nova Scotia Forest Inventory, Cape Breton Island Subdivision - 1970

Table 21

Forest Production Statistics
Cape Breton County, 1980-1984

	Sawn Lumber (M. fbm.)					Pulpwood (M^3 - solid wood)				
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
Softwood	2,213	2,011	1,126	2,025	586	173,610	160,801	97,534	84,615	94,160
Hardwood	254	764	455	499	227	3,207	919	153	-	5,662
Total	2,467	2,775	1,581	2,524	813	176,817	161,720	97,687	84,615	99,822
% of Nova Scotia										
Softwood	1.2	1.2	0.8	1.2	0.3	6.1	6.4	5.3	7.8	4.9
Hardwood	3.4	7.7	5.2	7.3	3.6	0.7	0.3	0.1	-	1.7
Total	1.3	1.6	1.1	1.4	0.4	5.3	5.8	5.0	6.6	4.4

SOURCE: Nova Scotia Forest Products Directory

Table 22

Forest Production Statistics-(in Common Measure)
Cape Breton County, 1983 and 1984

	1983	1984	% OF NOVA SCOTIA 1983	% OF NOVA SCOTIA 1984
Lumber (M. fbm.)	2,524	813	1.4	0.4
Boxwood (M. fbm.)	-	25	-	0.8
Railway Ties (M. fbm.)	638	940	40.7	53.1
Mine Packs (M. fbm.)	1,622	1,123	62.6	50.6
Laths (M's)	26	7	0.6	0.1
Shingles (Squares)	20	22	2.5	3.6
Staves & Headings (M. fbm.)	-	-	-	-
Residue Chips (M^3 Stacked)	942	3,081	0.3	0.5
Whole Tree Chips (M^3 Stacked)	928	33,295	2.8	40.4
Pulpwood - Rough (M^3 Stacked)	132,403	163,813	6.6	4.4
Pit Props - Rough (M^3 Stacked)	3,545	1,740	13.4	36.9
Poles & Piling (M^3)	-	-	-	-

SOURCE: Nova Scotia Forest Products Directory

Table 23

Principal Statistics for Manufacturing Industries
Cape Breton County, 1979 — 1982

		MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY								
		Production and Related Workers								
	Year	Number of Establishments	Male	Female	Man-Hours Paid ($'000)	Wages ($'000)	Cost of Fuel & Electricity ($'000)	Cost of Materials & Supplies ($'000)	Value of Shipments of Goods of Own Manufacture ($'000)	Value Added Manufacturing Activity ($'000)
North Sydney	1979	8	381	203	1,278	6,323	417	16,076	25,098	8,801
	1980	9	434	276	1,564	8,581	486	16,214	29,553	12,337
	1981	11	340	274	1,265	7,962	569	15,061	29,107	13,234
	1982	10	300	286	1,216	8,018	470	13,390	31,372	17,562
Sydney	1979	Included in "Remainder of County"								
	1980	"	"	"	"	"				
	1981	"	"	"	"	"				
	1982	28	1,467	74	3,211	28,494	16,637	64,414	122,925	40,486
Remainder of County	1979	50	3,135	365	8,124	57,871	41,613	145,544	275,633	86,524
	1980	55	2,888	386	7,711	56,086	24,084	146,814	291,898	120,212
	1981	54	2,557	406	7,142	57,494	50,437	121,304	259,837	88,011
	1982	27	612	306	2,028	18,276	28,957	23,995	91,881	39,341
Cape Breton County	1979	58	3,516	568	9,402	64,194	42,030	161,620	300,731	95,325
	1980	64	3,322	662	9,295	64,667	24,570	163,028	321,451	132,549
	1981	65	2,897	680	8,407	65,456	51,006	136,365	288,944	101,245
	1982	65	2,379	666	6,455	54,788	46,064	101,799	246,178	97,389
Cape Breton County as % of Nova Scotia	1979	7.5	15.1	9.6	14.7	16.0	27.5	7.7	9.4	9.2
	1980	7.8	14.5	10.8	14.9	15.0	15.9	7.7	9.3	11.1
	1981	8.0	12.9	11.2	13.8	13.9	25.8	5.8	7.6	7.7
	1982	8.3	12.2	12.1	12.6	12.4	23.9	4.5	6.8	8.7

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 31-209

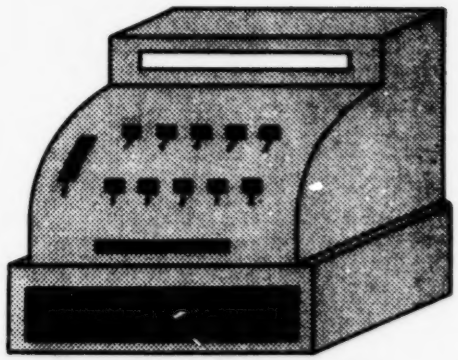

Table 24

Retail Sales

Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1981-1983

	YEAR	SYDNEY[1] AGGLOMERATION	SYDNEY MINES[2] AGGLOMERATION	CAPE BRETON COUNTY	SYDNEY[3] AGGLOMERATION	SYDNEY MINES[3] AGGLOMERATION	CAPE BRETON[3] COUNTY	NOVA SCOTIA
		($'000)			RETAIL SALES PER CAPITA ($)			
Food	1981	91,900	28,300	123,100	1,050	801	969	876
	1982	110,900	31,200	144,900	1,268	883	1,141	1,023
	1983	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,133
Automotive	1981	62,700	10,700	76,300	717	303	601	905
	1982	61,400	10,900	74,500	702	308	586	867
	1983	-	-	-	-	-	-	963
Clothing	1981	18,500	4,600	23,500	211	130	185	171
	1982	20,400	4,600	25,300	233	130	199	184
	1983	-	-	-	-	-	-	200
Hardware	1981	1,400	600	1,700	16	17	13	34
	1982	1,500	600	1,800	17	17	14	35
	1983	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Home Furnishings	1981	5,100	1,900	6,900	58	54	54	67
	1982	5,400	1,900	7,500	62	54	59	73
	1983	-	-	-	-	-	-	77
Total Retail Sales[4]	1981	296,000	74,800	382,300	3,383	2,116	3,009	3,315
	1982	329,400	78,100	417,400	3,765	2,209	3,286	3,542
	1983	371,900	88,300	471,700	4,248	2,494	3,708	3,994

[1]Includes Sydney, Dominion, Glace Bay, New Waterford and Subdivision B.

[2]Includes Sydney Mines, North Sydney and Subdivision A.

[3]Sales per capita for the county and agglomeration areas are derived by using the 1981 Census populations.

[4]Includes sales of other retail groups not specified above.

SOURCE: The Financial Post, Canadian Markets

Table 25

Building Permits Issued

Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1981-1984

	NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS			VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION				
	Single & Double Dwellings	Other	Total	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	Total
		(units)				($'000)		
1981								
Dominion	17	-	17	582	-	4	-	586
Glace Bay	65	29	94	3,582	-	490	72	4,144
Louisbourg	4	-	4	163	-	36	48	247
New Waterford	31	-	31	1,254	-	2	-	1,256
North Sydney	9	-	9	470	-	194	1,031	1,695
Sydney	69	-	69	3,460	-	2,818	879	7,157
Sydney Mines	29	20	49	2,204	10	20	4,324	6,558
Munic. of Cape Breton Co.	287	28	315	10,992	143	599	7,838	19,572
Total, Cape Breton Co.	511	77	588	22,707	153	4,163	14,192	41,215
Nova Scotia	3,374	1,063	4,437	196,312	43,899	76,245	60,086	376,542
1982								
Dominion	7	-	7	373	-	38	-	411
Glace Bay	48	20	68	2,823	-	335	1,477	4,635
Louisbourg	4	-	4	161	7	70	430	668
New Waterford	20	25	45	1,700	-	44	9	1,753
North Sydney	13	-	13	777	-	868	4,000	5,645
Sydney	45	64	109	4,615	-	829	980	6,424
Sydney Mines	7	20	27	1,548	-	12	12	1,572
Munic. of Cape Breton Co.	271	15	286	10,474	4,996	1,252	5,582	22,304
Total, Cape Breton Co.	415	144	559	22,471	5,003	3,448	12,490	43,412
Nova Scotia	3,272	526	3,798	181,371	18,555	58,675	65,266	323,867

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 64-203

Table 25 (cont'd.)

	NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS			VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION				
	Single & Double Dwellings	Other	Total	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	Total
		(units)				($'000)		
1983								
Dominion	17	-	17	714	-	3	11	728
Glace Bay	57	8	65	3,109	50	683	3	3,845
Louisbourg	6	-	6	217	40	-	3	260
New Waterford	28	-	28	1,599	-	570	2,156	4,325
North Sydney	12	12	24	1,222	26	773	897	2,918
Sydney	58	28	86	4,376	2,985	3,053	449	10,863
Sydney Mines	29	12	41	1,778	-	123	63	1,964
Municipality of Cape Breton Co.	308	15	323	14,540	125	960	1,431	17,056
Total, Cape Breton Co.	515	75	590	27,555	3,226	6,165	5,013	41,959
Nova Scotia	4,971	1,052	6,023	320,624	17,347	74,764	56,516	469,251
1984								
Dominion	10	10	20	811	-	43	44	898
Glace Bay	39	19	58	3,060	10	202	2,584	5,856
Louisbourg	5	-	5	265	1,385	73	60	1,783
New Waterford	12	15	27	1,291	15	207	-	1,513
North Sydney	24	15	39	1,675	138	414	5,734	7,961
Sydney	53	20	73	4,192	1,201	4,182	987	10,562
Sydney Mines	17	-	17	1,115	-	190	-	1,305
Municipality of Cape Breton Co.	314	35	349	16,515	670	2,143	16,495	35,823
Total, Cape Breton Co.	474	114	588	28,924	3,419	7,454	25,904	65,701
Nova Scotia	4,846	1,120	5,966	334,179	21,454	146,947	58,897	561,477

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 64-203

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Cape Breton County
Facts and Figures

MUNICIPALITIES AND 1985 TAX RATES (PER $100 OF ASSESSMENT)

	Residential	Commercial
Town of Dominion	$ 2.00	$ 3.55
Town of Glace Bay	2.12	3.84
Town of Louisbourg	1.89	3.45
Town of New Waterford	1.99	4.02
Town of North Sydney	1.97	3.40
Town of Sydney Mines	1.71	3.47
City of Sydney	1.82	3.92
Municipality of Cape Breton	.87	2.34

AREA AND DENSITY

	Land Area Sq. Kilometers	Population Density Per Sq. Kilometer
Dominion	5.6	512.7
Glace Bay	23.2	927.3
Louisbourg	4.4	324.1
New Waterford	5.3	1,674.5
North Sydney	5.4	1,445.5
Sydney	16.6	1,775.9
Sydney Mines	10.8	787.1
Municipality of Cape Breton	2,388.8	18.7
County of Cape Breton	2,472.9	51.4

DEMOGRAPHICS (ALL AS PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION)

Religion - 1981		Ethnic Groups - 1981		Mother Tongue - 1981	
Roman Catholic	62.8%	British Isles	79.1%	English	95.8%
United Church	15.5%	French	5.7%	Native Indian	1.3%
Anglican	10.0%	Native Indian	1.7%	French	1.2%
Other Protestant	10.0%	Italian	1.1%	Other	1.7%
Other	1.7%	Polish	1.0%		
		Other	11.4%		

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

The Northside-Victoria District School Board serves Victoria County, North Cape Breton County and the towns of North Sydney and Sydney Mines. Teachers in the Cape Breton County area numbered 361 in 1984-85 while enrolment was 2,983 elementary, 1,552 junior high, 989 senior high school, and 606 in other programs.

The remaining areas of the county were served by 1,278 teachers with enrolments numbering 10,687 elementary, 5,446 junior high, 4,846 senior high and 344 in other programs. The Cape Breton Regional Vocational School in Sydney has 42 teachers with an enrolment of 526. The courses range from brick laying to high pressure machinery.

In 1983-84 the University College of Cape Breton had an enrolment of 1,561 full-time and part-time equivalent of full-time students in degree programs and 650 students in technical programs. The number of students in the Apprentice Training Program varies from month to month.

Adult Training Centre, Glace Bay Highway, adjacent to the University College of Cape Breton, provides upgrading courses and trade training for adults.

Cape Breton Business College in Sydney - stenographic and secretarial training.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES (Continued)

Canadian Coast Guard College has a campus at Westmount which can accommodate 225 officer cadets in training to become marine engineers or navigation officers.

HOSPITALS

Glace Bay General	106 beds, 10 bassinets
Glace Bay Community Hospital	140 beds, 26 bassinets
New Waterford Consolidated	88 beds, 18 bassinets
Northside Harbour View Hospital, North Sydney	185 beds, 20 bassinets
Sydney City Hospital	157 beds
St. Rita's Hospital, Sydney	164 beds, 25 bassinets
Cape Breton Hospital, Sydney River - Psychiatric	62 beds[1]

[1]Facility provides long term psychiatric care.

INDUSTRIAL PARKS

Sydport Industrial Park, Point Edward

LARGEST INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYERS	Approximate Employment
Cape Breton Development Corporation Coal Division, Sydney	3,200

LARGEST INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYERS (Continued)	Approximate Employment
Sydney Steel Corporation, Sydney	1,400
National Sea Products - North Sydney	300
- Louisbourg	300
United Maritime Fishermen, Alder Point	300
Highland Fisheries Limited, Glace Bay	275
Municipal Ready Mix Ltd., Sydney River	125
Canadian Newspaper Co. Ltd., Sydney	110

TRANSPORTATION

Highways	Kilometers
Paved Highways - Arterial	144.8
- Collector	330.8
- Local	354.2
Unpaved Highways	672.0
Total	1,501.8

Road Motor Vehicle Registrations, 1983	Number
Passenger automobiles	42,098
Trucks and buses	13,524
Total	55,622

TRANSPORTATION (Continued)

Rail

The entire industrial area of the county is served by Canadian National. Passenger rail service is provided by VIA Rail from Sydney to Truro and Halifax, and thence to out-of-province points. Both freight and passenger links are made to Newfoundland via North Sydney.

Air

Air Canada and E.P.A. provide regular service from the Sydney Airport to Halifax, Newfoundland, and other Canadian points. A total of 110,150 Origin and Destination Passengers were handled at the airport in 1983.

Bus

Acadian Lines operates daily service to Halifax and other provincial points from Sydney. Links are made at Truro to out-of-province points. Several local bus lines provide service between the incorporated towns of the county and to Victoria and Inverness Counties.

Marine

Sydney is a major year-round deep water port, handling a total of 1.7 million tonnes of cargo in 1983. Ship repair facilities are also available at the port.

North Sydney is the mainland terminal for C.N. Marine which operates the ferry and freight service to Port-aux-Basques and Argentia, Newfoundland.

At Point Edward (Sydport Industrial Park) there are four berths with a depth of water to 11 meters. Louisbourg is a major fishing port.

COMMUNICATIONS

Newspapers	Circulation
Sydney - Cape Breton Post (Daily)	31,000
Micmac News (Monthly)	3,905

Radio Stations	
Sydney - CBI	10,000 Watts
- CBI-FM	100,000 Watts
Sydney - CHER	10,000 Watts
Sydney - CJCB	10,000 Watts
- CKPE-FM	61,000 Watts
Sydney - CBAF-24-FM	100,000 Watts

TV Stations		
Sydney - CJCB-TV	Channel 4	100,000 Watts
Sydney - CBIT	Channel 5	54,000 Watts
Sydney - CBHFT-3	Channel 13	4,500 Watts

SHOPPING CENTRES

Sydney Mall (Prince Street)	19,509 m^2	43 stores
C.B. Plaza (Sydney River)	22,482 m^2	23 stores
Sydney Mall (Welton Street)	14,585 m^2	21 stores

SHOPPING CENTRES (Continued)

Glace Bay - Sterling Mall	6,503 m^2	13 stores
Mayflower Mall (Grand Lake Road)	37,160 m^2	65 stores
North Sydney Mall (King Street)	15,274 m^2	31 stores

TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATIONS

	Hotel Rooms	Motel Units	Guest House Rooms	Cottages & Cabins	Total
Bras d'Or	-	48	6	4	58
Glace Bay	-	27	-	-	27
Louisbourg	-	47	3	-	50
North Sydney	-	75	9	-	84
Sydney	288	354	8	21	671
Total	288	551	26	25	890

CULTURAL FACILITIES

Libraries

Cape Breton Regional Library, with headquarters in Sydney, has branches in Dominion, Donkin, Florence, Glace Bay, Louisbourg, Main-a-Dieu, New Waterford, North Sydney, Reserve Mines and Sydney Mines.

CULTURAL FACILITIES (Continued)

Museums and Art Galleries

Miners Museum - Glace Bay
Beaton Institute (University College of Cape Breton) - Glace Bay Highway
French Mine - Port Morien
Old Sydney Museum (St. Patrick's Church) - Sydney
Cossitt House - Sydney
Atlantic Statiquarium, Marine Museum - Louisbourg
Fortress of Louisbourg - Louisbourg
Sydney and Louisbourg Railway Museum - Louisbourg